



Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Wildlife Division
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Dear Interested Person:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) is requesting public comment on proposed Keep Cool Hills Cooperative Management Area rules that were adopted as Tentative at the February 12, 2009 FWP Commission meeting. Any Final adoptions will take place at the April 9, 2009 FWP Commission meeting.

Keep Cool Hills Cooperative Management Area Rule:

- This proposal would extend for two years through March 28, 2011, through FWP Commission rule, a 15,000-acre Cooperative Management Area north of Lincoln that was established by FWP Commission rule in 2007. Sieben Ranch Company owns most of the land, with some parcels owned by the Montana Chapter of The Nature Conservancy; a portion is State Land, administered by the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. The Cooperative Management Area rules would provide for managed public access throughout the year. Prior to 2006, unmanaged public access resulted in significant resource damage to lands in this area, causing affected landowners to consider closing the area to public access

For further clarification, you may call the Field Services Division office at 406-444-3798. Comments can be sent to: FWP – Field Services Division, Attn: Keep Cool Hills Public Comment, POB 200701, Helena MT 59620-0701. To submit comments electronically, this letter with the imbedded link below can be found under “Opportunity for Public Comment” on the Hunting home page at the fwp.mt.gov website.

Proposed Keep Cool Hills Cooperative Management Area Rule:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=cjre0H8e8BCSs3woNu5fcA_3d_3d

The deadline for public comment to be received on the Keep Cool Hills Cooperative Management Area Rule is 5:00 PM Monday, March 9, 2009. The FWP Commission will take final action on this item at its March 12, 2009 meeting in Helena.